

## OTHER SPORTS

Western Golf Association  
President Tells Why  
His Body Plans War

According to Wilbur H. Brooks, Head of the W. G. A., the Fight Will Be Made Chiefly So as to Overthrow St. Andrews's Code of Rules.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 2.—The directors of the Western Golf Association recommended the adoption of a new constitution looking toward an American organization, and to promote the best interests of the game for Americans, believing that changes in the rules of golf may be desirable from time to time, according to a statement issued last night by Wilbur H. Brooks, President of the association. He said:

"Since the formation of the Western Golf Association in 1909 it has been the policy of the directors of the W. G. A. to maintain a democratic, representative and progressive organization for the best interests of American golf. No one man or small group of men has dominated the organization or its policies."

"The W. G. A. is neither a local nor sectional body. From a charter membership of 20 clubs, its membership now extends into thirty-one States, Canada and Hawaii. The W. G. A. has endeavored to bring into close communication with itself all minor associations within its territory. The W. G. A. believes that all member clubs should have voting power and a voice in the legislation and policy of the organization."

"The Western Golf Association believes that Americans understand golf and that they play under different conditions than those existing in other countries and that Americans are entirely capable of formulating the proper rules for playing the game in this country."

"The W. G. A. believes further that changes in the rules of golf may be desirable from time to time, as our knowledge of the game increases, or as existing rules prove to be unpopular or unsuitable to the conditions under which Americans play the game. The rules of golf as published by St. Andrews should be rewritten in response to the popular demand for a set of understandable rules covering the playing conditions in this country."

"With these facts before them and after serious consideration, the directors of the W. G. A. have recommended the adoption of a new constitution looking toward an American organization, representative of America, and prepared to promote the best interests of the game for Americans."

**U. S. G. A. OFFICIALS  
DON'T SEEM WORRIED  
OVER REVOLT IN WEST.**

Speaking in a sense at once dispassionate and judicial, the United States Golf Association is apparently disposed to worry little over an unfortunate lander over whatever plans its Western friends may see fit to make, looking toward a so-called "secession" from the national body.

Such is the attitude assumed by U. S. G. A. officials toward a movement by the Western Golf Association to set itself up in business as the American Golf Association, irrespective of family ties, affiliations and parental disapproval.

For the moment, however, the U. S. G. A. is only assuming an attitude. It is making no statement for the simple reason that it would be unparliamentary to do so until such time as the national body is notified officially of the Western Association's intentions.

These, according to the data available, would supplant the present Western organization with a proposed American Golf Association, take into itself as much authority as the law permits, establish rules and regulations according to its own peculiar and personal ideas, invade the Eastern territory in search of members here, and in general comport itself after the manner of a red radical with a fevered brow and an inherent distaste for cold water.

"I believe that before any rash step is taken in the West, those controlling this movement will consider many points," was the statement in part of a U. S. G. A. official yesterday.

Quite so. They will do extremely well to consider many points, not the least of which is the fact that the U. S. G. A. happens to be on particularly friendly terms with the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, the controlling factor in British golf.

In the event of a break, British golfers would compete in tournaments fostered by the U. S. G. A. in preference to any promoted by what would be considered an outlaw organization with tendencies seemingly inimical to British golf and its alleged influence upon the American game. So also would the Canadian contingent that contributed so ably to the international savor at the late amateur championship at Italy, N. Y.

In other words, the Western Association may break away, but it will perforce play a lone hand. That, at least, is the opinion of the U. S. G. A. men, who declare that not only the foreign element but all Southern golf clubs as well are with them.

**Willard Ready  
To Box Brennan  
Or Jack Dempsey**

LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 2.—When told to-day that a despatch from New York stated he had signed a contract to meet the winner of the Dempsey-Brennan bout, Willard, former world's heavyweight champion, declared his signature had been in the hands of Tex Rickard, promoter, for some time but that this fact had not been announced pending receipt of the signature of the other parties.

When asked about his condition, Willard replied: "I am feeling fine, am in good condition and expect to give my opponent a run for his money whether he be Dempsey or Brennan. I have been doing a little light training lately with Jack Kemple of Casper, Wyo., who has been with me for a number of years."

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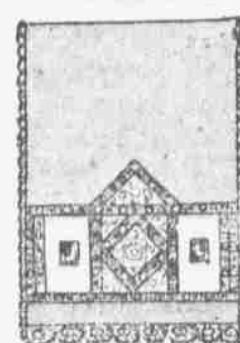
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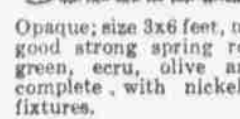
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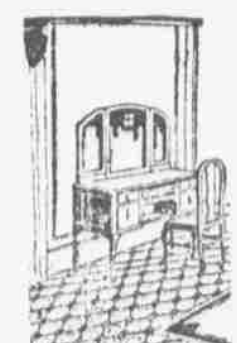
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